Sri D. VENKATESH.—Does the Government know that one of the members in the existing Tribunal has become permanently ill ?

Sri JAGANNATH RAO CHANDRIKI.—I have no knowledge.

Sri D. VENKATESH.—May I know whether the Government will set right if there are any disparities ?

Sri JAGANNATH RAO CHANDRIKI.—Definitely, they will be looked into.

Pollution of Water in Bhadra River.

Q.—238. Sri B. MADHAVACHAR (Bhadravati).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the water in Bhadra River is polluted due to discharge of effluent from Mysore Paper Mills and Mysore Iron and Steel Works ;

(*b*) what steps they propose to take to avoid pollution of this River water ?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Government have received complaints that there is some pollution of water of the river Bhadra due to the discharge of effluent from the Mysore Paper Mills and the Mysore Iron and Steel Works.

(*b*) Government will get an examination made by the experts to ascertain what steps have to be taken to see that there is no harm either to the public or to the crops due to such pollution of water.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—Have not representations been made for a long time to avoid pollution ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Yes, the matter is under consideration.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—Is it not a fact that the Director of Public Health has already examined this question and sent his proposal to Government ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Yes Sir, it is part of the procedure and one of the stages of consideration of the question.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—In view of the delay, I want more detailed information about the position.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member may put his question.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—May I know what are the recommendations of the Director of Public Health in connection with this pollution ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—That question will have to be addressed to the Public Health Minister. Anyhow, to the extent I am aware of, it is proposed to have an up-to-date jewel filter installed in place of the old one which is supposed to be not working very satisfactorily.

Sri B. MADHAVACHAR.—Can the Government assure the House that immediate steps will be taken to avoid pollution and redress the grievance of the people of Bhadravathi ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—That is the intention of the Government.

Sri H. S. METGUD.—Since how long is this water discharged from these factories, Sir ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Ever since the Mills have been functioning there.

Sri H. S. METGUD.—Are there any cases of epidemics on account of this discharge of effluent ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—Not exactly. But there is a certain amount of contamination.

Railway Line Connecting Mysore with Malabar *via* Coorg.

Q.—419. Sri K. K. GANPATHY (Ponnampet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether the railway line connecting Mysore with Malabar *via* Coorg is being surveyed ?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Industries).—

Yes. Government are informed that the Survey work on Mysore—Telicherry Railway line *via* Coorg has been initiated by the Railway Authorities.